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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF ISAF'S U.N. MANDATE - POLAND NOT AN OBSTACLE

REF: (A) STATE 146276

Classified By: Political Counselor Mary Curtin, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) PolMil Chief shared Ref A views on the ISAF mandate with Jakub Urbanik, action officer for Afghanistan/Iraq operations in the MFA Department of Security Policy, who was familiar with the U.S. intentions for revising the NATO operational plan. After discussing the issue with the Polish NATO Mission and the MOD, Urbanik said that Poland agreed with the U.S. position that the UN mandate was sufficiently flexible in its current form to allow revision of the NATO operational plan as envisioned.

2. (C) However, Urbanik stressed that the GOP expected "several key NATO members" (which he did not specify) to raise strong objections to a change in the NATO operational plan without making specific amendments to the UN mandate. Poland would stand with the U.S. but, not being a member of the Security Council, would not have a substantial role to play on the UN side.

3. (C) He also indicated that the GOP had not yet formulated its own position on how exactly the NATO operational plan should be modified. If the U.S. wanted an official response on this question, he would need a more detailed demarche on the basis of which he would have to initiate an interagency process at the senior policy level.
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